

DESOTO COUNTY LYNCHING.

Negro Brute Strung Up for Criminal Assault on Young Lady.

Arcadia, Fla., April 10.—Screaming with fear, and pleading for his life, a negro, whose name is not yet known here, was taken from Sheriff Freeman on the outskirts of the city tonight and carried about a mile where he was strung up and his body riddled with bullets. The negro was positively identified as the assailant of Miss Mary S. Ewing.

News brought to the city this morning that Miss Ewing, daughter of a prominent citizen of the county, living about six miles in the country, had been assailed by a negro. Details of the assault were meager, Miss Ewing being prostrated by the severe nervous shock which she underwent while battling with the burly brute in a deathlike struggle to save herself and her honor. Fighting with every ounce of energy in her body Miss Ewing was finally able to break away from the negro and run screaming for help. Fortunately near by were passers, who quickly responded to the cry for assistance. Before they arrived, however, the negro had started running and was soon out of sight in the wooded country. Miss Ewing swooned as soon as help arrived. Her clothing was badly torn, and she bore several marks on her person, all testifying to the desperate struggle.

Posse in Pursuit.

Immediately upon receipt of the news here a posse was organized, and headed by Sheriff Freeman, was soon in pursuit. Other searching parties were organized, but Sheriff Freeman was the first to find the negro.

Sheriff Freeman was allowed to bring the prisoner to the jail here, where he was locked up. Heavy guards were thrown about the jail, and it was believed everything was safe. During the afternoon men gathered on the street corners and conversed in earnest tones. Late in the afternoon several were seen with guns and rifles, and it was decided by Sheriff Freeman to make an effort to spirit his prisoner away. He succeeded in getting him out of the jail and to the outskirts of the town before he was intercepted. Here, at the point of a half hundred guns, he and his deputies were forced to give up their prisoner. The mob then proceeded to a spot about a mile distant and the negro an opportunity to make peace with God. He begged for his life, but the mob was determined, and he was soon strung up to a tree.

GILCHRIST'S PLAIN WORDS.

In Answer to a Lady About Pardoning Murderers.

Tallahassee, April 12.—In answer to a powerful appeal written to him by an estimable lady urging the commutation of a death sentence to a sentence of imprisonment for life in the case of a man recently convicted of murder, Governor Gilchrist has written the following:

"I will state that after a grand jury of eighteen men had indicted a man for murder; after twelve men have unanimously, as a jury, decided him guilty, and after the judge and state's attorney who tried the case and heard all the evidence decide him to be guilty, it would take very strong evidence to persuade me to undo the action of the court. If I were to turn loose such criminals on the state after the grand jury, judge, jury and state's attorney had declared them guilty, and if other murders should be committed, I would consider myself more or less responsible for the subsequent murders.

"The governor is responsible to the people for the good order of the state, so far as he is concerned. The turning loose of murderers, thereby encouraging other murders, I think, is wrong. It is not the governor who sentences convicted criminals—it is the law. If you are opposed to capital punishment, you could possibly get the members of the legislature from your county to try to change that law.

"The governor of the state takes an oath to protect and defend the laws and the constitution."

Majesty of the Law.

In his campaign for office Governor Gilchrist repeatedly declared that if he was elected to the office of governor he would see that the sentence of courts be carried out, unless there were some good reason for extending executive clemency. The statement which he has written out is fully in accord with the promises and declarations that he made at that time.

Significant of his ideas on the pardoning power was the table showing the number of convicted criminals who were pardoned during the four years preceding his administration, which he attached to his message to the legislature.

PRESIDENT SLEDD RESIGNS.

As Head of State University—A. A. Murphree Succeeds Him.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 10.—At a joint meeting of the State Board of Control and the State Board of Education held this afternoon, the resignation of President Andrew Sledd of the University of Florida at Gainesville was received and accepted and President A. A. Murphree of the State College for Women at Tallahassee, was elected to fill the vacancy.

The resignation of Dr. Sledd obviates the difference that has existed between the two boards for several months. Resolutions were adopted at the meetings, which made public the details of the differences which have existed and which, without question, were the direct cause of the resignation of Dr. Sledd. The question of the duties and powers of the respective boards regarding the election of heads of the state institutions caused the dispute which led to the clash between the two boards.

A sensation was sprung at the meeting when Chairman N. P. Bryan, of the board of control, moved that State Superintendent Holloway produce a copy of a letter alleged to have been written by himself and sent to certain citizens at Gainesville, and intimating that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, composed of the Governor and cabinet, could allow the expenditure of no further funds from the appropriations for new buildings at the university if Sledd was retained.

Dr. Sledd is highly regarded by the members of the board of control, and he has done magnificent work in the development of the university. The resolutions adopted pay tribute to his ability. President Murphree accepted the presidency of the State University tonight. The State Board of Control was waiting for his decision.

THE TARIFF AND COTTON.

Senator Fletcher Wants Florida Staple Protected.

The Boston Transcript of Friday thus editorially comments upon Florida's new United States senator's views:

'Senator Fletcher of Florida, tells a Washington correspondent that "since the sun of protection in its zenith elsewhere it ought not to set on us in the south." From the poetic to the concrete Senator Fletcher descends when he protests that the tariff is gravely imperfect is not affording any protection to sea island cotton. It is extensively grown in Florida, one-half the total output in the United States being credited to that state. More would be cultivated by Floridians if it were not for the competition of the cheap labor of the Nile. If there is a crop in the United States deserving protection, it is sea island cotton, in Senator Fletcher's opinion. Nor does he take kindly to reduction on lumber, which will hit Florida.

"Such sentiments from a democratic senator teach us that the south is no longer a great free trade section, but one in which industrial development has brought about a demand for protection. Southern cotton manufacturers do not welcome unrestricted foreign competition in the products any more than their northern brethren. Southern cotton growers would like to head off importations of the Egyptian staple, even if the consumer had to pay a tax. Take out politics and there is no broad, deep, easily distinguishable tariff line of demarcation between the several sections of the United States. Each wants what it raises or makes protected, and every tariff is arranged by 'dickers' between them."

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CROKER BOOSTS FLORIDA.

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A Washington dispatch of April 5th date to the New York World says:

Richard Croker, former chief of Tammany, arrived in Washington from the south today, called on President Taft, and told The World correspondent that the United States is his home and that he intends to spend a large part of every year on this side of the water in future.

"This always will be my home," Mr. Croker said. "I shall keep my place abroad, but I intend to spend much of my time in the United States in the future. I fell in love with Florida, and will be there a part of the time when I am on this side."

Mr. Croker would not say that he intends to build a winter home near Palm Beach, but he insisted that that is the place for him in the winter, and it is likely that he will establish a home there.

Michael T. Day, Mr. Croker's intimate friend, said there was no politics in Mr. Croker's statement.

"He is coming back here to spend his winters," said Mr. Day. "He writes that he has never had such a time as he has been having in Florida, and he will be back here in the fall, after election, to spend the winter in Florida. Mr. Croker has tried all the countries where the winters are warm, Egypt, Italy, etc., but he says he is going to tell everybody from now on not to go to Europe if they are looking for warm weather, but to come to the United States and spend the time in Florida.

"Why, he says he is the blackest white man you ever saw—he has been spending so much of his time outdoors fishing and bathing. He is in perfect health, better than he's ever been. He's just bubbling over with enthusiasm about Florida, and he's going to make a wonderful press agent for it."

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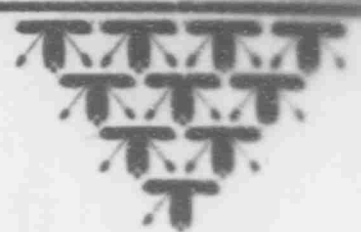
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